

CLAIMS

1. A diagnostic agent for eating disorders comprising as an active ingredient an antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor:

5 2. The diagnostic agent for eating disorders according to claim 1, for measuring the concentration of a brain-derived neurotrophic factor in blood in patients.

3. The diagnostic agent for eating disorders according to claim 1 or 2, comprising an antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor and
10 a labeled antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor.

4. A diagnostic kit for eating disorders comprising as an active ingredient an antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor and a labeling agent as the components.

5. The diagnostic kit for eating disorders according to claim 4, for
15 measuring the concentration of a brain-derived neurotrophic factor in blood in patients.

6. The diagnostic kit for eating disorders according to claim 4 or 5, comprising an antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor and a labeled antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor.

20 7. A method for detecting eating disorders which comprises measuring the concentration of a brain-derived neurotrophic factor in blood in animals.

8. The method for detecting eating disorders according to claim 7, which comprises measuring the concentration of a brain-derived
25 neurotrophic factor with an antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor.

9. The method for detecting eating disorders according to claim 7, which comprises measuring the concentration of a brain-derived neurotrophic factor with an antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic
30 factor and a labeled antibody against brain-derived neurotrophic factor.

10. A method for detecting a therapeutic agent of eating disorders, which comprises measuring the concentration of a brain-derived neurotrophic factor in blood in animals.

5 11. A therapeutic agent for eating disorders comprising a compound for increasing a brain-derived neurotrophic factor.

12. A therapeutic agent for eating disorders comprising a brain-derived neurotrophic factor.